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Shreveport Regional Airport Breaks Ground on Air Cargo Buildings

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The Shreveport Airport Authority joined Shreveport Mayor Cedric B. Glover and numerous airport tenants on Thursday, February 21, to break ground on two new air cargo buildings at Shreveport Regional Airport.

Once the \$7.5 million project is completed, the buildings will measure approximately 56,000 square feet and will house companies such as FedEx, United Parcel Service, DHL, Integrated Airline Services, and the U.S. Postal Service. Those companies will relocate from their existing facilities at Shreveport Regional Airport once the new buildings open in First Quarter 2009.

"Shreveport is an ideal geographical location for logistics companies such as FedEx, United Parcel Service and DHL. The latest expansion of air cargo at Shreveport Regional Airport is another example of our city's incredible infrastructure for logistics companies," said Shreveport Mayor Cedric B. Glover. "Plus, with the continued expansion of I-49 North, the Port of Shreveport-Bossier, and I-69, it is important to have the ability to expand air cargo at our region's airport."

"The Shreveport Airport Authority has been looking forward to this day for many reasons," said The Reverend Joe R. Gant, Chairman of the Shreveport Airport Authority. "This project was identified in our previous master plan for both safety reasons and to help airport growth. This new complex will serve as the anchor for our new airport industrial and warehouse park. This new park has great potential to bring even more companies, jobs and growth to Shreveport and the region."

The primary tenant will be FedEx with nearly 26,000 square feet. Sharing the building with FedEx will be Integrated Airline Services with nearly 9,000 square feet. This building will be located on the south side of the facility.

The second building will be located on the north side of the property and will have nearly 21,000 square feet. Tenants will include United Parcel Service, DHL, and the U.S. Postal Services. The Airport Authority will also have additional space available to rent.

“This is the second largest project undertaken by the Airport Authority in nearly 40 years,” said Director of Airports Roy H. Miller, Jr., A.A.E. “Through the help of the Federal Aviation Administration and working with our tenants, we have two buildings that will accommodate their plans for both today and well into the future.”

“This project will help make their operations at Shreveport Regional Airport both more efficient and safer,” Mr. Miller said. “I truly appreciate the efforts of our customers in making this project a reality.”

The buildings are the final component to the new facilities. Already, the Airport Authority has constructed nearly 10 acres of concrete aircraft parking areas, two taxiway connectors, and a new roadway system to the cargo complex. The Airport Authority through the Federal Aviation Administration has already invested nearly \$15 million in improvements in this area.

The general contractor for the project is McInnis Brothers Construction. The architect and engineering firm for the project is Alliance Inc.

The ceremony will take place on the new air cargo ramp located on the northwest corner of Shreveport Regional Airport. The entrance road to the facility can be accessed on Hollywood Avenue.

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